

COLLEGE BOUND CALENDAR FOR JUNIORS

CHECK LIST

SEPTEMBER

- Clarify your career plans and continue to study hard for good grades.
- Check your high school courses. Will you meet college requirements?
- Check announcements for college representatives visiting campus.
- Get involved in activities; genuine involvement in one is better than token participation in several.
- Begin to study for the **PSAT** that will be given in October. You may be eligible for a scholarship with your score.

OCTOBER

- Begin to develop lists of your interests.
- Create a list of at least ten colleges/universities that you are interested in attending.
- Mark the date for the College Fair being held at Saint Joseph on your calendar.
- Plan to attend.
- Read the **PSAT/NMSQT Student Bulletin** when it is distributed. Take the practice test and score it.

NOVEMBER

- Explore college and university opportunities through the following:
 - a. Visiting with the college reps that come on campus
 - b. Attending college day and night programs
 - c. Read college resources in the college counseling center
- Begin to involve your parents in the college choice process.
- Study hard and continue to maintain good grades.
- Talk with your academic advisor about your college interests.
- Plan your **SAT Reasoning and Subject Tests**.

DECEMBER

- Review your **PSAT** scores.
- Read **Taking the SAT**.
- Talk with high school graduates who are home from college.

JANUARY

- Continue your career exploration. Review your Career inventories which are filed in the College Center.
- Prepare for Semester Exams; colleges look at your Junior grades.

FEBRUARY

- Begin to think about your senior year courses, will they meet the college requirements?
- Try to narrow down your list of ten colleges to a list of five, by doing research.
- Search for scholarships.
- Begin work on your "self evaluation" and update your high school activity sheets.

MARCH

- ___ Sign up for the May or June **SAT Reasoning** or **SAT Subject** or **ACT Tests**.
- ___ Ask your academic advisor about summer enrichment programs.
- ___ Consider taking the **SAT II's** for courses in which you are currently enrolled.
- ___ Plan to take your Advanced Placement Test(s).
- ___ Plan your senior schedule with your advisor.
- ___ Work hard to maintain good grades.

APRIL

- ___ Develop your preliminary list of colleges and send for information.
- ___ Attend college presentations.
- ___ Plan visits to colleges that interest you.
- ___ File service academies and ROTC scholarship applications.
- ___ Research financial aid opportunities and search for scholarships.
- ___ Attend any national or regional college fairs in your area, see notices on the College Center bulletin board.

MAY

- ___ Identify teachers whom you can ask for a letter of recommendation.
- ___ Take **SAT Reasoning** and **SAT Subject** Tests.
- ___ Take Advanced Placement tests.
- ___ Make a profile of colleges which interest you. Use college catalogs in the College Career Center or check the Internet.
- ___ Continue the college search, and discuss with it with your academic advisor
- ___ Plan summer visits to colleges.

JUNE

- ___ Prepare for finals.
- ___ Take **SAT Reasoning, SAT Subject Test or ACT Test**.
- ___ If you don't have a job, try volunteering in areas which you find interesting or are thinking of as a first career.
- ___ Have a good summer, but remember to read all of the books on the reading list.
- ___ During summer take time to analyze your test results—is there anything you would like to improve?
- ___ Work on drafts for college essays.

